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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from the Lieberose Troop Training Grounds.

25X1 EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 24 June 1953

REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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25X1 [REDACTED] 1. On 20 May 1953, 30 tanks, including JS-2 tanks [REDACTED] and T-42 tanks [REDACTED] an undetermined number of armored vehicles, including 25X1

25X1 6 BA-64 armored scout cars and 4 armored personnel carriers; 12 x 76-mm AT guns; and 80 to 100 trucks were seen at the parking lot north of the Jamlitz-Pillow road, west of Schwanensee, at the Lieberose troop training grounds.

2. At about 9:30 a.m. on 20 May, a combined-arms unit was seen in an exercise in the area north of Staakow. Materiel observed included T-43 tanks, 76-mm AT guns, light mortars, and heavy and light machine guns.

3. Between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on 20 May, a tank firing practice was held in the area south of Leeskow, according to Leeskow residents. The Leeskow-Staakow road was blocked during the exercise.

4. On 20 May, the field bakery in Jamlitz was in full operation. Trucks

25X1 [REDACTED] were seen picking up bread.

5. On 20 May, about 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with light mortars were seen entering the cantonment east of Jamlitz, coming from the training area.

25X1 6. On 20 May, amphibious vehicle [REDACTED] and truck [REDACTED] were seen on 25X1 the Jamlitz-Pillow road.

25X1 7. [REDACTED] the Jamlitz-Lieberose area was occupied by an estimated 40,000 to 50,000 troops on 20 May. The training area was to be enlarged as far as Drewitz, Schoenhoehe and Teerofen during this year. 1

25X1 8. On 26 May, the troop camp each of Schoenhoehe was occupied as previously by 25X1 about 10,000 troops. The construction work in the camp, which involved about 90 men, was almost completed. The work was scheduled to be completed by 15 July. [REDACTED] five different parking lots each occupied by 50 to 60 canvas-covered tanks or SP guns in the rear of the quartering tents, east of the camp street. Twenty 120-mm mortars and 16 x 57-mm AT guns were seen

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at another place and 12 x 120-mm mortars, 8 x 57-mm AT guns and about 100 trucks [redacted] at still another place. Training observed included drill, field training, construction of field fortifications and service of the piece drill on 57-mm AT guns and 120-mm mortars. Individual platoons of about 20 to 25 troops wearing gas masks were seen leaving the camp for exercises with smoke cartridges. On 22 May, 10 trucks occupied by about 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and towing 8 mortars left the camp toward north and returned at about 2 p.m. [redacted]

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9. [redacted] the Teerofen military installation was to be vacated and [redacted] would be reconstructed as a hospital. [redacted]

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10. [redacted] preparations for the construction of a new barracks installation were under way west of the Lieberose-Peitz road, in line with Drachhausen. [redacted] The new installation was scheduled to consist of 4 quartering buildings, 1 instruction building, 1 headquarters building, 1 administration building and motor vehicle sheds. The total cost allegedly will amount to 7,000,000 to 8,000,000 eastmarks. About 100 troops were employed in the construction work. Beginning in July, at least 600 to 700 men are to be employed in the construction work to complete the project, as scheduled, by late October. Four trucks [redacted] were detached from Wuensdorf for hauling supply and material to the construction site. 3

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11. Between 28 May and 5 June, about 40 trucks and a large number of tanks were in the troop camp east of Teerofen. [redacted]

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12. Between 28 May and 5 June, about 6 tanks and about 20 trucks were seen in the camp east of Jamnitz, west of the railroad line. [redacted]

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1. Comment. [redacted]

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[redacted] The occupation strength of the training grounds given in this report is considerably overestimated and is believed to be not more than about 15,000 troops.

2. Comment. [redacted]

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[redacted] the units of the 9th Mecz Div stationed in the camp.

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3. Comment. This is the first information obtained on this project. [redacted]

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